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THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE AMERICAN STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the American Statistical Association, held in Boston, February 13 and 14, 1914, took the form of a special celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Association in this city in 1839. The Association was founded by serious-minded men for a serious purpose, and this celebration was so planned and carried out as to fittingly exemplify the ideals of the founders and the well-established traditions of the Association.

Three sessions were devoted to the discussion of the progress of statistical science and statistical achievement during the period covered by the existence of the Association, and of the present status of such work, particularly in the United States. It would be impossible to adequately present in a brief summary the substance of this discussion or even the conclusions of the authors of the several papers. Some of these papers appear in this number of the QUARTERLY PUBLICATIONS and the rest will be printed in subsequent numbers or in the Memorial Volume* which is to be prepared in commemoration of this event in the history of the Association.

It was a source of gratification to the members of the Association to learn that the Association is not only almost as old as the science of statistics, but that it has had no little part in shaping and promoting the wonderful development of statistical work during that past three quarters of a century.

The meetings were not devoted exclusively to business and serious discussion. Considerable opportunity was afforded for social intercourse among the members and guests at the headquarters, in the Hotel Copley-Plaza, and the final session took the form of a banquet at the Algonquin Club, which was

*See Quarterly Publications of the American Statistical Association, Vol. XIII, p, 559.

attended by a larger number of ladies than had been present at the other sessions.

The extent of the interest aroused by this meeting is manifested in the unusually large attendance of members. There were over one hundred present, many of them coming from a considerable distance. In addition to members the following official representatives of other associations and institutions of learning were in attendance:

F. H. Giddings, American Sociological Society; Columbia University.

F. S. Baldwin, Boston University.

A. W. Whitney, University of California.

F. H. Hankins, Clark University and College.

Frank Sanborn, University of the State of New York.

W. F. Willcox, Cornell University; Royal Statistical Society of England.

D. R. Dewey, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; American Economic Association.

H. Lefavour, Simmons College.

Irving Fisher, Yale University.

W. M. Steuart, United States Department of Commerce.

J. M. Motley, Brown University.

R. S. McCrea, University of Pennsylvania.

F. A. Woods, American Association for the Advancement of Science.

C. H. Verrill, United States Department of Labor.

Herbert B. Dow, American Actuarial Society.

E. S. Macphail, Canadian Census Office.

Ernest H. Godfrey, Canadian Census Office.

Edmund E. Day, Harvard University.

M. L. de Pulligny and M. H. Bunle, Statistical Society of Paris.

Selskar M. Gunn, American Public Health Association.

F. L. Hoffman, American Academy of Political and Social Science; *Deutsche Statistische Gesellschaft.*

Worthington C. Ford, American Historical Society.

Henry C. Metcalf, Tufts College.

Special greetings were received from the following:

The Manchester Statistical Society (founded in 1833), through its president, Theodore Gregory.

The Royal Statistical Society, which had delegated Professor Willcox, one of the fellows, to represent it.

The Statistical Society of Paris, through its secretary, M. Borriol, and which was happily represented by M. Pulligny and M. Bunle.

The *Deutsche Statistische Gesellschaft,* through its secretary, Dr. Würzburger. Being unable to send a special delegate it fitly chose Mr. F. L. Hoffman to represent it.

The Central Statistical Commission of Austria, through its president, Dr. Robert Meyer, who appointed Professor Schumpeter of Vienna, who is now in this country, to represent it. Unfortunately Professor Schumpeter was on his way to the Pacific Coast, but sent flattering messages.

Luigi Bodio, Rome, Italy.

Julius de Vargha, former Director of the Central Statistical Office of Hungary and now Secretary of State.

Professor Julius Mandello, also of Hungary, an honorary member.

Professor C. A. Verijn Stuart, President of the Central Statistical Commission of the Netherlands, on behalf of the Dutch Society for Economics and Statistics.

Verein für Geographie und Statistik, Frankfort am Main, Professor Dr. Deckert, president.

Professor D. Landsberg, President Verband *Deutscher Stadtestatistiker.*

The Board of Directors of the Association elected the following honorary members at a special meeting held on February 14:

AUSTRALIA.

George Handley Knibbs, C. M. G., F. R. A. S., F. S. S., Commonwealth Statistician for Australia.

AUSTRIA.

Dr. Robert Meyer, Privy Councillor; former Minister of Finance; President of the Imperial and Royal Central Statistical Commission.

BELGIUM.

Professor Emile Waxweiler, Director of the Solvay Sociological Institute, Brussels; Professor of Statistics, Economics and Sociology at the University of Brussels; Member of the Royal Academy of Brussels.

CANADA.

Dr. Archibald Blue, Chief Officer of the Census and Statistics Office.

DENMARK.

Professor Harald Ludvig, Westergaard, Professor of Political Economy and Statistics at the University of Copenhagen; author of important books on the theory of statistics and on the principles of mortality and morbidity statistics.

ENGLAND.

Sir J. Athelstane Baines, C. S. I., past President of the Royal Statistical Society; former Census Commissioner under the Government of India.

Major P. J. Craigie, C. B., past President of the Royal Statistical Society; former Secretary-General of the International Statistical Institute; former Director of Statistical Intelligence in the Board of Agriculture.

Arthur Newsholme, M. D., C. B., Medical Officer of the Local Government Board.

FRANCE.

Jacques Bertillon, M. D., former Chief of the Statistical Department of the City of Paris; Member of the Superior Council of Statistics; past President of the Statistical Institute of Paris.

M. Yves Guyot, Member of the Superior Council of Statistics; past President of the Statistical Society of Paris; Ex-minister of Public Works.

M. Lucien March, Director of the *Statistique Générale de la France;* Member of the Superior Council of Statistics; past President of the Statistical Society of Paris.

GERMANY.

Dr. Georg von Mayr, Ex-under Secretary of State for Alsace-Lorraine; former Director of the Royal Statistical Bureau of Bavaria; Honorary Member of the International Statistical Institute; Professor of Statistics, Finance and Political Economy at the University of Munich; President of the *Deutsche Statistische Gesellschaft.*

Dr. Wilhelm Lexis, Professor of Economics and Statistics at the University of Göttingen; former Vice-President of the

International Statistical Institute; *Geheimer Oberregierangsrat.*

Dr. E. Delbrück, President of the Imperial Statistical Office.

HUNGARY.

Dr. Julius de Vargha, Secretary of State; former Director of the Central Statistical Office of Hungary; Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences.

ITALY.

Carlo Francesco Ferraris, Professor of Adminstrative Science and Law at the Royal University of Padua; Member of the Superior Council of Statistics for Italy; Ex-minister of Public Works; Member of the Italian Parliment.

Rudolph Benini, Professor of Statistics in the University of Rome; Member of the Superior Council of Statistics.

JAPAN.

Dr. Naosaburo Hanabusa, Director of the General Statistical Bureau of Japan; Vice-President of the Statistical Society of Tokyo.

NETHERLANDS.

C. A. Verijn Stuart, Professor of Political Economy and Statistics at the University; President of the Central Statistical Commission of the Netherlands; Secretary-General of the International Statistical Institute; former Director of the Central Statistical Bureau.

NORWAY.

Andere Nicolai Kiaer, former Director of the Central Statistical Bureau of Norway; Associate of the Statistical Society of Paris.

RUSSIA.

Dr. P. J. Georgievsky, President of the Central Statistical Commission; Privy Councillor.

SWEDEN.

Dr. Gustav Sundbärg, Professor of Statistics at the University of Upsala; Editor of the International Statistical Summaries.

SWITZERLAND.

Dr. Louis Guillaume, Director of the Federal Statistical Bureau; former Secretary of the International Prison Congress.